

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

There will be something for everyone at Rockville’s Civic Center Park on the afternoon of Sunday, May 4. The Civic Center Park is located on Edmonston Drive, where there will be free parking all day. Mayor Larry Giammo will deliver the annual State of the City Address (open to the public) at 1 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. In addition, the City is offering the following:

Nature Center’s 1st Anniversary and Migratory Bird Day: 1-5 p.m.

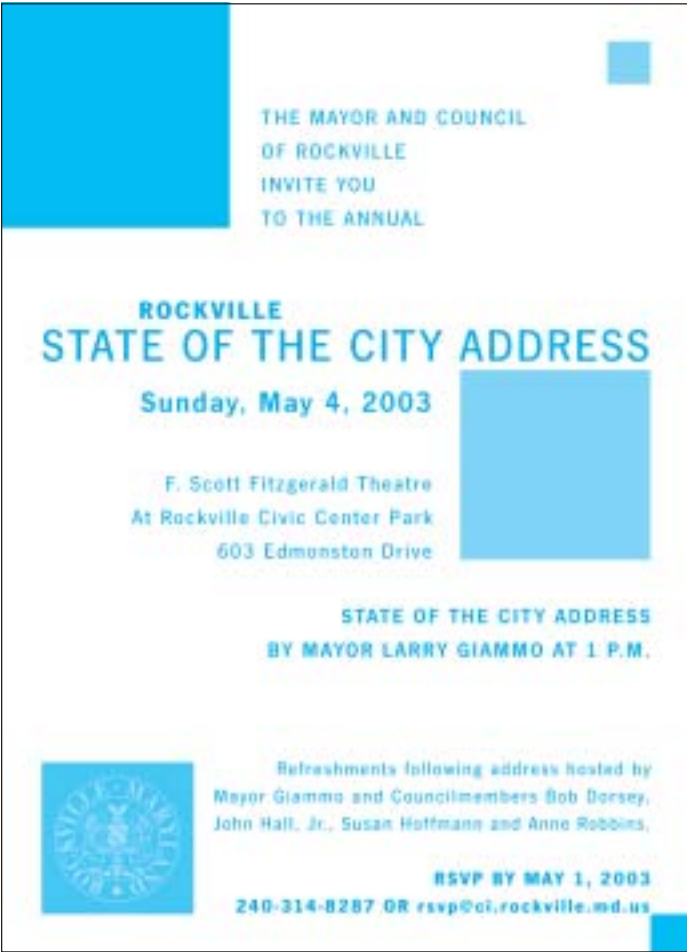
From Groundhog Day to Egg Dyeing to Fireflies to Fern Fronds, Croydon Creek Nature Center Supervisor Valerie Oliver adds a creative touch through the programming of events at the center. The first full year at the Nature Center has been more than successful, and Oliver is looking forward to another year of programs, events and promotions to entertain and educate.

“We offer programs for all ages and attendance is growing,” Oliver said. And that creativity is

reflected in the offerings for the Center’s anniversary celebration, which coincides with Migratory Bird Day. Some of the highlights at the Nature Center celebration will include Smokey the Bear, face painting, t-shirt coloring, children’s activities, meeting sea creatures, mad science demonstrations and much more.

In addition to the excellent programs offered, the park setting enhances the experience of the Nature Center. Oliver said that the last year has afforded her and her staff the opportunity to learn about the area surrounding the center itself, which assists in program selection.

A Festive May 4
Several Free City Events at Civic Center Park



“We have learned more about where the animals are living and wildflowers growing in the park,” she said. “We even have a new

trail map that should be in print shortly.” And with the first year behind them, Oliver and her staff are already looking forward to the next year. “It’s been a terrific year and we are eagerly looking forward to finishing the lower level of the Center for increased classroom space to accommodate all the school groups that come for programs,” she said. “We hope to add additional summer camps and gain actual store space for Nature Notions and a permanent exhibit area. We will stay busy since this is what we love doing—sharing the joy of nature.”

Glenview: Art League Gallery Opening: 1 p.m.; Concert: 2 p.m.

City Arts Program Specialist Kathleen Moran is hosting the Rockville Art League as it opens its Juried Members show of various media images. The opening reception is free and open to the public from 1-4 p.m. The exhibit runs from May 4-27. Also that day at Glenview Mansion is the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series featuring the Rockville Singers outreach group of the Rockville Community Chorus. The group will perform a varied repertoire, beginning at 2 p.m. This event also is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Indoor Rock Climbing: 1 p.m.

For the adventurous, there is free indoor rock climbing at Rockville’s Climbing Gym, also located in Civic Center Park, just behind Glenview Mansion. Instructors will be on hand to assist climbers.

Hometown Holidays ‘Spins’ With Talent
The Spinners, Spin Doctors and Jefferson Starship on Tap

Jefferson Starship, whose music of the 1960s and 1970s seems as relevant today as it did then; the blues-jamming Spin Doctors; and The Spinners, who are often called the nation’s top soul group of the 1970s, will share headline honors over Memorial Day Weekend in what promises to be the City of Rockville’s biggest-ever Hometown Holidays celebration.

This year’s annual festival in

Rockville Town Center from May 24-26 will conclude with Rockville’s 59th annual Memorial Day parade through the downtown streets on Monday, May 26.

New to this year’s celebration will be a mobile skateboard park that will be open to the public free of charge. Maximum Velocity, a stunt team consisting of bike, in-line and skateboard professionals, also will be performing three shows daily. Fire-

works and the signature laser show will follow the entertainment on both Saturday, May 24, and Sunday, May 25. On Saturday, May 24, the Spin Doctors and Jefferson Starship take the stage, along with the local Patty Reese Band. On Sunday, May 25, the headliner will be The Spinners. Preceding the Spinners on Sunday will be the Crawdaddies and Pablo Antonio y La Firma.



City Forester Susan Nolde held a tree-planting ceremony at Julius West Middle School for Arbor Day, where Rockville was awarded a 14th Tree City USA Award by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

May’s Best of Rockville

May 2

Bike to Work Day. Join thousands of bicyclists in the Metro area and ride to work. Courthouse Square is one of 15 pit stops in the area. Food, entertainment, prize drawings. 6:30-8:30 a.m. Check www.waba.org.

May 10

Saturday Farmers’ Market. This year’s outdoor Farmers’ Market season kicks off, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Middle Lane Parking Lot. The Farmers’ Market continues every Saturday through Nov. 1. 240-314-8604.



May 18

Rockville Chorus Spring Concert. Featuring premiere of “I Hear America Singing,” an original composition written for the Chorus by internationally acclaimed Lawrence Moss. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. 240-314-8682.

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Asian-American Heritage

During the month of May, members of the City’s Asian Community Club will decorate Rockville City Hall with their original artwork in celebration of Asian-American Heritage Month. The art will reflect a modern and/or Asian theme to commemorate the month, which seeks to recognize and celebrate the Asian population throughout the country.

According to the 2000 Census, more Asian-Americans are living in Rockville than ever before – 15 percent of the City.

Youth and Family Specialist, Yoojung Kim, a Korean-American, mentors the group and encourages the student members to celebrate beyond the walls of City Hall.

“A lot of them have been decorating showcases in their schools to let others know that May is Asian-American Heritage Month,” she said.

Kim initiated an effort five years ago to have the month officially recognized by the City. Each year, the Mayor and Council formally proclaims May as Asian-American Heritage Month. This year’s proclamation will be Monday, April 28, in the Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. [RR](#)

Walking Town Meetings


Walking Town Meetings, a Rockville tradition in which residents and business owners can take an informal stroll with the Mayor and Council and members of the City staff, will return this spring to three neighborhoods.

The first Walking Town Meeting of 2003 will take place in the Lynfield neighborhood on Saturday, April 26. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Elwood Smith Community Center. The tour, in which residents can point out concerns and offer suggestions, will last about two hours.


The other two Walking Town Meetings scheduled for this year will be in the Twinbrook neighborhood (Saturday, May 31) and the new Fallsgrove neighborhood (Saturday, June 28). Each of those meetings also will begin at 10 a.m. Starting points have yet to be determined.

For more information on Walking Town Meetings, call 240-314-8340. [RR](#)





Focus on EVERY 15 MINUTES



Although the drunken driving accident at Rockville High School was staged, students observing the rescue efforts were deeply affected by its realistic nature.

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, “Focus On” will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

A 911 call was placed on the morning of April 9 to report a two-car crash in front of Rockville High School (at its temporary location in Silver Spring). When rescue workers arrived, they found a high school student dead, and others badly injured.

Fortunately all of this action was staged, and the injured students were acting as part of the “Every 15 Minutes” program designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Rockville’s Victim Advocate, Diane Wilkins, organized this year’s event, which included the Grim Reaper, EMTs, firefighters, police officers and many other volunteers.

“With the prom coming and spring fever, this is a perfect time of year to remind the students of the effects of drinking and driving,” Wilkins said. “The students are truly affected by the realistic scene. And so are their loved ones.”

After the staged accident in front of the school, students participated in a retreat that evening. Parents also were involved, and one of them read her daughter’s “obituary” at the school assembly.

As part of the two-day program, every 15 minutes the Grim Reaper pulled a student from class to symbolize the frequency of which a drunken driver kills someone in this country. [RR](#)



City Projects UPDATE

PUBLIC WORKS

TWINBROOK

Sewer Rehabilitation • Sewer evaluation survey, including flow monitoring, smoke testing and video inspection of underground piping, for the south-eastern area of Twinbrook has been completed and the results are being evaluated • Construction planned for summer

WEST END

Brick sidewalks • Laird Street installation completed • Forest Street work is complete • Staff is evaluating Lynch and Luckett streets for potential FY04 work

GENERAL PROJECTS

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street planned for summer 2003 • Route 28 and Great Falls Road planned for fall • Hurley Avenue sidewalk improvements planned for spring • Darnestown Road sidewalk improvements planned for fall • Beall Elementary School sidewalk improvements planned for fall • Horners Lane improvements planned for fall

Fallsgrove Off-Site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road (completed); West Montgomery Ave. and Gude Drive (under construction); Gude Drive and Gaither Road; I-270 and Shady Grove Road (to be started in summer); I-270, Route 28 and Nelson St. (to be started in summer); and Gude Drive and Research Blvd. (complete)

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing storm water management • Construction ongoing • Completion in summer

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue • Stream restoration is included • Construction in summer

Tower Oaks Marsh • Marsh on east side of Tower Oaks Boulevard is under design • Construction is planned for spring

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements (construction has begun) • Intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road (under construction)

RECREATION & PARKS

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Minor landscaping enhancements • Installation of directional signs and benches • Scheduled for spring 2003

Dawson Farm Park • Replacement of wooden bridge and reconstruction of granary in historically sensitive manner and to serve as a park shelter/gazebo • Installation of artwork • Construction scheduled for spring 2003 • Design is almost complete; permits are pending.

Dog Park • Potential sites are being reviewed by Rockville Dog Owners Group (R-DOG) • Mayor and Council approval in summer

Fallsgrove Village Green • Park built and paid for by the developer • Art installation complete • Construction completion this spring

Hurley Avenue Bike Path • Bike lanes removed this spring

King Farm 28-acre Park • Design team being selected • Park design complete fall 2003

Mary Trumbo Park • Contract awarded • Committee will select artwork • Construction to begin this spring

Millennium Trail • Norbeck Road multiuse path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road construction scheduled for 2003 • Resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled to begin this spring • Veirs Mill Road to Edmonston Drive currently under design (\$670,000 grant received)

Street Tree Planting • Locations for identified by white arrow • Letters sent to affected residents • Planting continues until June 15 or until completion

Playground Equipment Improvement • Installation nearly complete at Dogwood Park • Playgrounds at Broome and Isreal Parks to be completed by spring • Equipment replacements at Potomac Woods and Rockcrest Parks to begin this August

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Ave. and Nelson Street bikeways • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • Under design • Construction scheduled for 2004

Rockville’s Permit Process

A family in Rockville recently decided to build a deck outside of its single-family home. The family hired a very inexpensive contractor who promised to save it hundreds of dollars. The family hired the cheap worker, without checking his credentials.

Before too long, the deck was finished and furnished. The problem is, now the family must pay fines up to \$200 to the City because the contractor did not secure a permit. The family also must hire a licensed contractor to correct the work of the first, unlicensed contractor.

“Unfortunately this happens,” said Steven Orlowski, a code inspector for Rockville. “A lot of cheap contractors will do the work, but without getting permits, and ignoring code requirements. The burden falls on the residents, who pay a lot more in the end.”


All sheds, fences and decks require permits in Rockville, whether residents do their own work, or hire someone.

The basic requirements for securing a residential building permit include:

- Building Permit application
- Three copies of the plot plan
- Two sets of structural drawings to scale
- Homeowners association approval (if applicable)
- Paying the filing fee of \$75 (minimum)

For those who want to work quickly and efficiently, the City offers pre-approved deck plans. Call Inspection Services at 240-314-8240. [RR](#)

Street Tree Planting



In accordance with the adopted Street Tree Master Plan, the City is in the process of planting trees along its right of ways. Residents whose address is adjacent to a scheduled planting will find a white arrow on the curb and should have received an informational letter.

Tree plantings occur in the spring and fall with the first priority being to replant trees that were recently removed, followed by planting empty spaces. Eventually every vacant planting space in the City will be planted. Information about the City’s Street Tree Master Plan can be found on www.ci.rockville.md.us or call Rob Orndorff at 240-314-8707. [RR](#)

In Brief

Pike's Peek 10K

There is still time to register for the 7th Annual Pike's Peek 10K that begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 27. Approximately 3,500 participants will race on two of the three northbound lanes of Rockville Pike (Route 355), from Redland Road (Shady Grove Metro) to the White Flint Mall. Motorists traveling along northbound Rockville Pike and east-west across Rockville Pike should expect brief delays during the race. The event will be completely off the Pike by 10 a.m.

CALL **301-460-8888** FOR INFO

Bazaar & Yard Sale

The Rockville Senior Center will be hosting its annual Spring Bazaar and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Items for sale include handmade crafts, home-made baked goods, household items, plants, computers and thrift and gift items.

CALL **240-314-5019** FOR INFO

Accountant Needed

Rockville Seniors, Inc. needs a CPA to complete tax forms and conduct a yearly financial audit. This is a volunteer position. If you are interested, please call Jill Hall.

CALL **240-314-8800** FOR INFO

Sat. Farmers' Market

The 2003 Farmers' Market season kicks off on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The annual market will continue through Nov. 1, in the Middle Lane Parking Lot.

CALL **240-314-8604** FOR INFO

May Is Bike Month

Friday, May 2, is Bike to Work Day. One of the 15 "pit stops" in the Metro area is at Courthouse Square Park. There will be breakfast, entertainment, speakers and prize drawings from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Visit www.waba.org.

Sunday, May 25, is the "Ride for Rockville" bicycle tour through City neighborhoods. Riders may choose a 6- or 20-mile route, with a starting time between 9-11 a.m. The tour begins in Town Center. Check the Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us/pdf/ride2003.pdf to register.

CALL **240-314-8626** FOR INFO

Summer Jobs Open

The City's Department of Recreation and Parks has 2003 Summer Playgrounds job opportunities. Pay is commensurate with skills and experience. Contact Karen Rawlins, Community Recreation Programs Supervisor: krawlins@ci.rockville.md.us.

CALL **240-314-8633** FOR INFO

RedGate Rate Deals

There are three promotions at the RedGate Municipal Golf Course on Avery Road to kick off the season. A Frequent Player card could earn players an extra 18 holes after four rounds; a Mon.-Thrusday card allows players to pay in advance to earn bonus rounds; and the Seven Day Bonus Card allows players to buy rounds in advance for any day of the week, earning bonus rounds. Call for details.

CALL **240-314-8730** FOR INFO

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Voluntariado Familiar

El Fin de Semana de la Familia Voluntaria del Condado de Montgomery se realizar· el 3 y 4 de mayo. Estar·n disponibles una variedad de sitios y proyectos en toda la Ciudad de Rockville. Todos los proyectos est·n aprobados para que los estudiantes voluntarios reciban cr·ditos acad·micos por sus servicios. Para m·s informaci·n y para inscribirse, se ruega llamar al Centro de Voluntarios del Condado (240-777-2600) o visitar su p·gina de Internet www.montgomeryvolunteer.org.

-Translated by
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Junior Golf

Girls and boys ages 10-17 can try out for the Junior P.G.A. interclub championships by participating in four Tuesday clinics at RedGate Municipal Golf Course. The first clinic is May 27, at 3:30 p.m. Twelve junior players will be selected from attendees to represent Rockville's team. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non residents. Golf equipment is available.

CALL **240-314-8730** FOR INFO

A Time to Volunteer

Montgomery County's Family Volunteer Weekend is May 3-4. A variety of sites and projects will be available throughout Rockville. All projects are approved for Student Service Learning credits. For more information, check www.montgomeryvolunteer.org.

CALL **240-777-2600** FOR INFO

Hometown Holidays

May 24, 25, 26

Town Center • Free Concerts

Youths RISE and Achieve

For several years, Art Billings, Youth and Family Specialist with the City, has had the opportunity to work with Rockville youngsters as part of the RISE program – Reaching Individual Self-Empowerment.

For their efforts, Billings will help honor about 40 students at the second-annual RISE banquet at the Lincoln Park Community Center on Saturday, May 10, from 2-5 p.m.

The RISE program, which was extended to high school students this year, seeks to instill a sense of responsibility and accountability to young citizens. To achieve this, participants worked eight hours on Saturdays earning \$25 bi-weekly paychecks for completing community service tasks such as cleaning streets, grounds and yards in various neighborhoods. Their tasks included snow removal and leaf collection for senior citizens and disabled individuals. They also maintained grounds at City facilities and Mount Calvary and Rockville cemeteries and much more.

CALL **240-314-8313** FOR INFO

CITY

4 State of the City.

1 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. Open to the public (see front page).

4 Civic Center Park — multiple events.

Glenview Mansion, Climbing Gym, Nature Center (see front page for details).

10,17,24,31 Farmers' Market.

Middle Lane Parking Lot. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

20 Town Center Action Team Meeting.

7 p.m. Room 105 of the Red Brick Courthouse.

24 Off-Leash Dog Testing.

10 a.m. Middle Lane parking lot. Tests if dogs can be walked without a leash. Call 240-314-8930 to register in advance.

24,25,26 Hometown Holidays.

(See front page for details).

ARTS

2,3,9,10,16,17 Rockville Little Theatre,

"You Can't Take it with You." 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$12 general admission. 240-314-8690.

4-27 Rockville Art League

juried members show. Glenview Mansion. Opening reception May 4, 1-4 p.m. Free. 240-314-8682.

4 Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert Series.

2 p.m. Rockville Singers, varied repertoire. Free. 240-314-8682.

14,21,28 Noontime Serenades.

Free. 12 noon. Silver Strings on 14th, Hen on 21st, Silverwinds on 28th. Rockville Arts Place, 100 E. Middle Lane. 301-309-6900.

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RES = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

11,18 Rockville Little Theatre,

"You Can't Take it With You." 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$12. 240-314-8690.

18 Rockville Chorus Concert,

Premiere of "I Hear America Singing," by Lawrence Moss. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. 240-314-8682.

24 National Chamber Orchestra.

Piano Recital, William Wolfram, featuring music by Liszt. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$22, \$17, \$11. 240-314-8690.

NATURE CENTER

All programs at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Phone: 240-314-8770.

4 Celebrate Migratory Bird Day at Croydon Creek's 1st Anniversary.

1-5 p.m. All ages.

6 Frog and Toad.

9:30-10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

7 Hillwood Mansion and Garden Tour.

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 18 and over. \$45 RES/\$50 NR.

7 Wildflower Trip to Pennsylvania.

8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Ages 18 and over. \$25 RES/\$28 NR.

8 Warbler Walk.

7-10 a.m. Ages 18 and over. \$5 RES/\$6 NR.

9 Frog and Toad.

9:30-10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

10 Mother's Day Surprise.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3 and over. \$10 RES/\$12 NR.

SENIORS

All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

April 29-May 13 Quicken.

10 a.m.-12 noon. \$12 members. Registration required.

April 30 Attorney General J. Joseph Curran Speaks.

1-2 p.m.

3 Stained Glass Stepping Stone.

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$8 NM. Register by 4/26.

6 Watercolor-Beginning.

10 a.m.-12 noon. \$30 MEM/\$38 NM.

6 Emotional Freedom Techniques.

1-2 p.m.

11 Mother's Day Wildflower Hike.

10-11 a.m. Ages 18 and over. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

13 Porcupines.

9:30-10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

15 Gardening for Kids.

3-4 p.m. Ages 4 and over. \$5 RES/\$6 NR.

16 Canine Ecology.

7-9 p.m. All ages. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

18 Living Fossil Van Trip.

9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Ages 16 and over. \$30 RES/\$35 NR.

20 Mammals Beneath Your Feet.

4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

21 Tyke Hike: The Music of Spring.

1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

27 Sensory Hike.

4-5 p.m. Ages 8 and over. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

6-15 Conversational French for Beginners.

1-3 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 NM. Registration required.

7-21 Understanding Windows.

10-12 noon. \$35 MEM. Registration required.

7 May Birthday and Anniversary Party.

1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Register by 5/1.

8,15 Genealogy: Begin at the Beginning.

7-8:30 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 NM. Register by 4/29.

12 All Occasion Cards.

10 a.m.-12 noon. Material fee \$12. Register by 5/2.

13 CPR for Adults.

6:30-8:30 p.m. \$18 MEM/\$23 NM. Register by 5/1.

13 Readers Group.

7-8 p.m. FREE. Register by 5/8.

20-29 Conversational French for Beginners II.

1-3 p.m. \$30 MEM/\$35 NM. Registration required.

20 History Lesson-County Civil War Sites.

7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Register by 5/12.

21 Trip Registration-In Person

Lottery Registration for summer trips. 10:15 a.m.

28-June 30 Conversational Spanish for Beginners II.

1-3 p.m. \$30 MEM/\$35 NM. Registration required.

28-29 Windows — Paint.

1-3 p.m. \$6 MEM. Registration required.

28 Health Fair.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

TEENS

For information, call 240-314-8634.

2,9 Babysitting for Teens.

\$36 RES/\$41 NR. 6:15-8:30 p.m.

15 Teen Club Laser Tag Adventure.

\$12 MEM/\$15 NM. 12:15-4:30 p.m.

27 Junior Golf.

4-week clinic for children age 10-17. 12 players will then be selected to represent the City of Rockville in the Junior P.G.A. \$30 RES/\$35 NR. 3:30-5:50 p.m. 240-314-8730.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

3 Board of Appeals.

9:30 a.m.

13 Rockville Seniors Inc.

Senior Center Board Room. 1 p.m.

13 Human Services Advisory Comm.

Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq. 7:30 p.m.

14 Cultural Arts Comm.

7:30 p.m.

14 Planning Comm.

7 p.m.

15 Historic District Comm.

7 p.m.

15 Rockville Sister City Corporation.

7:30 p.m.

21 Rockville Housing Enterprises

(Housing Authority). Commissioners Board Room, 14 Moore Drive, Rockville, Md. 20850. 6:30 p.m.

22 Recreation and Park Advisory Board.

RedGate Golf Course. 7 p.m.

22 Senior Citizens Comm.

Rockville Senior Center. 10 a.m.

28 Planning Comm.

7 p.m.

28 Human Rights Comm.

7:30 p.m.

Rockville Awarded Federal Grants

Funds Provided for Town Center Infrastructure, Other Citywide Improvements

The City of Rockville has been awarded four federal grants totaling \$2,937,000, including one grant that will go for infrastructure improvements in the new Town Center.

On Feb. 20, President Bush signed the “Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003” authorizing the grants. The grants were awarded after the Mayor and Council and City staff worked for more than a year to gain the funding. Congressman Chris Van Hollen continued the original effort of his predecessor, Congresswoman Connie Morella, in the House and Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes played significant roles to get the measures through the Senate.

The grants will benefit Rockville for the following projects:

- \$162,000 for sidewalk improvements around the new Town Center. The plan in-

cludes a pedestrian promenade that acts as a gateway from the transportation center to the activity center. Wide sidewalks, bike facilities and building orientations will all encourage people to walk or bike between points of interest.

- \$1,500,000 for police technology and communication equipment upgrades.
- \$150,000 for citywide pedestrian access improvements. This funding could be used for bike paths, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals or signage.
- \$1,125,000 for stormwater management improvements. These funds will go to improve conditions in streams and watersheds.

“This is a major milestone for the City of Rockville,” said Mayor Larry Giammo. “All of the projects for which we are receiving this funding are already underway to some degree. This



Rockville City Police Sergeant Mike Kearney has the ability to access important information via the computer system in his police cruiser. The City recently received federal grants, some of which will be put toward enhancing police technology.

support demonstrates that our nation’s leaders think enough of Rockville’s programs to encourage their continuation and expansion. We are grateful to have influential members of Congress such as Senators

Sarbanes and Mikulski, and Congressman Van Hollen, working so hard for Rockville.”

Rockville has already started efforts to gain federal funding for various projects for Fiscal Year 2004. [RR](#)

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General and Work Sessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are now available on streaming video: www.ci.rockville.md.us.

- **May 5 (Mon.)** Public Hearing (Budget #2), Worksession (CSR), 7:30 p.m.
- **May 12 (Mon.)** General Session 7:30 p.m.
- **May 13 (Tues.)** Worksession (Budget #1), 7:30 p.m.
- **May 19 (Mon.)** Public Hearing (Annexation, Christmas tree sales), 7:30 p.m.
- **May 20 (Tues.)** Worksession (Budget #2), 7:30 p.m.
- **May 27 (Tues.)** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 28 (Wed.)** Worksession (Budget #3, if needed), 7:30 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

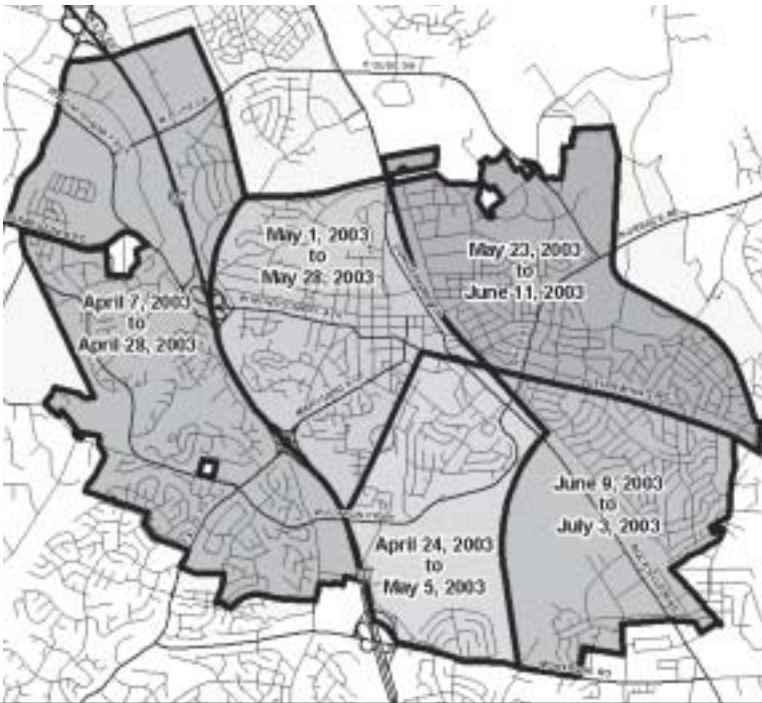
The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Animal Matters Board
- Commission on Environment
- Historic District Comm. (one)
- Human Rights Comm. (one)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large)
- Landlord/Tenant (one for tenant)
- Traffic & Trans. Comm. (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

Citywide Watermain Flushing Till July

A citywide flushing program to remove accumulated fine sediments from the City water system began in April and will continue through July 3, between 10 p.m.-6 a.m. The flushing process will start in the western portion of the City, then move east. Take a look at the map for dates of flushing in your area. As flushing takes place in your neighborhood, residents may see a temporary discoloration of water, so washing of clothes is discouraged. There are no public health risks associated with this process. For more information call 240-314-8566.



Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays (unless otherwise noted) when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk’s Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for May are:

- **May 12** Bob Dorsey
- **May 19** John Hall, Jr.
- **May 27** (Tues.) Susan Hoffmann



Councilmember Bob Dorsey

2003 Citizen Surveys Have Been Mailed!

If you were one of the 3,000 randomly selected households, please submit your answers, as the City is eager to know how you feel. The surveys are available in five languages in addition to English: Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

For more information, contact Linda Moran at 240-314-8106

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL MAY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Permit Process	Transforming Town Center	Budget Presentation	Transforming Town Center	Transforming Town Center	Permit Process	Every 15 Minutes
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council ▾	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▾
9 am	▾	Budget Presentation	Cultural Diversity ▾	Mayor & Council Round Table	Cultural Diversity ▾	Budget Presentation	▾
9:30 am	▾	State of the City ▾	▾	▾	▾	State of the City ▾	▾
10 am	▾	▾	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Transforming Town Center	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▾	▾
10:30 am	▾	Transforming Town Center	Permit Process	West Nile	Every 15 Minutes	Permit Process	▾
11 am	Cityline	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Transforming Town Center	Every 15 Minutes	Transforming Town Center	West Nile	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾
4 pm	State of the City ▾	▾	Cultural Diversity ▾	Cultural Diversity ▾	▾	Transforming Town Center	▾
4:30 pm	▾	Budget Presentation	▾	▾	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Budget Presentation	Permit Process
5 pm	Budget Presentation	Cultural Diversity ▾	Transforming Town Center	Mayor & Council Round Table	State of the City ▾	West Nile	Budget Presentation
5:30 pm	Transforming Town Center	▾	West Nile	▾	▾	Permit Process	Transforming Town Center
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7 pm	Planning Commission ▾	Transforming Town Center	West Nile	Planning Commission ▾	West Nile	Transforming Town Center	Mayor & Council Round Table
7:30 pm	▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Budget Presentation	▾	Permit Process	Mayor & Council ▾	▾
8 pm	▾	▾	Transforming Town Center	▾	Transforming Town Center	▾	Transforming Town Center
8:30 pm	▾	▾	State of the City ▾	▾	State of the City ▾	▾	State of the City ▾
9:30 pm	▾	▾	Cityline	▾	Cityline	▾	Cityline
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11 pm	Budget Presentation	West Nile	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Transforming Town Center	Budget Presentation	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes
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